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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION REACTION TO GOVT'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

1. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST UGT ON JULY
12 ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE WHICH NOTED A NUMBER OF "POSITIVE
ASPECTS" IN THE GOVT'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN, ESPECIALLY
IN THE FIELD OF FISCAL REFORM AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
UNEMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, THE UGT ADDED, ECONOMIC
NORMALIZATION REQUIRES - ON A PRIORITY BASIS - THE
INSTITUTION OF FULL TRADE UNION FREEDOM. SPECIFICALLY,
THE UNION CALLED FOR THE ANNULLMENT OF THE OLD SINDICAL
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LAW, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC LABOR NOMS, EARLY
PLANT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, AND THE RETURN OF TRADE
UNION PATRIMONY.

2. THE COMMUNIST WORKERS' COMMISSIONS (SWC) AND THE
SOCIALIST CHRISTIAN USO MADE SIMILAR NOISES, ONLY ACCEPTING
THE GOVT PLAN WITH RESERVATIONS UNTIL THE ECONOMIC

MEASURES ARE PUT INTO EFFECT. THE ANARCHO-SINDICAL CNT STATED THAT THE CNT DID NOT BELIEVE IN ECONOMIC MEASURES ALTHOUGH IT BELIEVED THEY MAY BE WELL INTENTIONED. THE CNT PROPOSES TO REPLACE THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION WITH A SELF-MANAGING SOCIALIST ONE.

3. UGT INT'L SECRETARY MANUEL SIMON, IN A JULY 13 CONVERSATION WITH LABATT, RECONFIRMED UGT WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH BOTH GOVT AND MANAGEMENT, WHILE REJECTING ANY SO-CALLED "SOCIAL PACT" (MADRID 5196). SIMON STRESSED THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVT WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ALONE. THEY WANTED NO PART OF ANY "UNITY OF ACTION" OR UNITED FRONT SCHEMES AS PROPOSED BY SWC AND USO. WE NOTE THAT THE UGT AND PSOE CAN BE EXPECTED TO COORDINATE ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVT. STABLER

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